

REMARKS

I. Status of the claims

Claims 1 and 3 are pending in this application. Claim 3 is being amended solely to incorporate within the claim the appropriate sequence identification number.

II. Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures

In response to a Notice to Comply, mailed with the Office Action dated September 22, 2003, Applicants attach a paper copy of the Sequence Listing, a computer readable format copy, and a Statement to Support Filing of the Sequence Listing. Because this Sequence Listing contains sequences that were provided in the application as originally filed, this document does not contain any new matter.

Applicants have also amended the specification at pages 4, 6, and 10 to identify amino acid sequences by the appropriate sequence identification numbers.

III. Response on the merits to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003

Applicants are currently responding to the Notice to Comply because a one-month period was imposed to reply to said notice. Applicants will submit a supplemental amendment at a later date addressing the rejections on the merits present in the Office Action of September 22, 2003.

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IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, as well as the withdrawal of any objections to the application based on the lack of appropriate sequence listings.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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Enclosures: a) A paper copy of the Sequence Listing (3 pages)
b) A computer readable format copy of the Sequence Listing (1 disk)
c) A Statement to Support Filing of the Sequence Listing (1 page)
d) A copy of the Notice to Comply (1 page)

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